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Online education Army expands free web-based opportunity for enlisted Soldiers

The Army Continuing Education System's eArmyU program is now available to most active-duty enlisted Soldiers.

The Army launched eArmyU in 2001 to offer eligible enlisted Soldiers the opportunity to work toward a college degree or certificate online. The program began with selected installations, and so far more than 46,000 Soldiers have taken courses from 29 institutions.

With the program's expansion to the entire Army, the eArmyU "Technology Pack" or "laptop option" will be offered solely as a retention and readiness tool in support of Army Transformation and the Army Campaign Plan, officials said, by encouraging re-enlistment into combat forces and operational units.

The eArmyU "no laptop" enrollment, now called "eCourse enrollment," will be offered to the majority of other active-duty Soldiers, officials said.

With eCourse enrollment Soldiers use their personal computers to participate in the program on a course-by-course basis. There is no longer a service-remaining requirement with the eCourse option, officials said. However, they said, Soldiers must have sufficient re-

maining time in service to complete the eArmyU course in which they are enrolling.

The Army-wide expansion of the program comes with some critical changes in Soldier enrollment eligibility, officials said.

Enrollment in eArmyU's laptop option (referred to as Technology Package) will be limited only to Soldiers who re-enlist for assignment in a combat forces or operational unit, as defined by senior Army leadership in the list below.

Laptop program enrollees will receive a state-of-the-art laptop to use in their participation, and will be required to successfully complete 12 semester hours in three years instead of the current two years. Soldiers must have three years time-in-service remaining at the time of program enrollment, and must have concurrent enrollment approval from their commander and the ACES counselor.

Both "no-laptop" and "laptop" students receive several tools to support their success as an online student, including an Internet Service Provider account, textbooks, eArmyU "Boot Camp" tutorial, an email account, online academic tutoring, digital library services and 24/7 help desk

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Photo by Bruce Anderson

Col. Sharon Duffy, 3rd COSCOM deputy commander, re-enlists Spc. Eveling Vetter (left to right), Spc. Casey Coleman and Sgt. Christine Irvin at a ceremony on Wiesbaden Army Airfield Oct. 27.

Re-ups remain high

Local Soldiers continue to re-enlist despite ongoing deployments

By David Ruderman
104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

Re-enlistment numbers in 104th Area Support Group-based units remain strong, said career

counselors working directly with 1st Armored Division and 3rd Corps Support Command Soldiers.

"Last fiscal year we were one of the top two retention producers in the Army," said Sgt. Maj. James

Jaranowski, command career counselor with the 1st AD, who heads a team of 20. "Even during the quarter we were extended in Iraq, we maintained some of the highest retention numbers in the Army. Our first quarter of [fiscal year] 2005 has the highest numbers I've ever seen in my career,"

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Iron Soldiers take their stories to nation's capital



Photo by Sgt. Andrew Meissner

Lt. Col. Garry Bishop, 1-37th Armor commander, discusses the battle for Karbala during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

By Sgt. Andrew Meissner
1st Armored Division Public Affairs Office

After a 15-month deployment to Iraq the Iron Soldiers of 1st Armored Division shared their stories with the rest of the Army during the 2004 Association of the United States Army convention in Washington, D.C.

The focal point of the division's presence during the convention was a central booth in the convention hall where the Soldiers circulated programs about the division's operations and exploits while deployed.

In addition to printed matter Iron Soldiers gave multimedia presentations of the division's operations taking place under its

watch during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Army 10-Miler, the kick-off event for the weeklong convention, ran through Washington, beginning and ending at the Pentagon. Although the weather was cool and gray for spectators, it was good for runners.

The division team came in seventh among the 13,000 runners that entered the race. It spanned the spectrum of Soldiers serving in the "Old Ironsides" Division including combat support, combat service support and combat arms Soldiers.

Spc. Abdelmalek Akremi of Company B, 123rd Main Support Battalion, was the first 1st AD runner across the finish line coming

in 26th and completing the 10-mile course in 54 minutes.

Akremi said that in order to help the team's overall effort he had to give his personal best. "For me, my first goal is to win individually. That way we can all win as a team," he said.

Sgt. Louis Cogswell of Company A, 141st Signal Battalion, said he felt all the racers took the event seriously. "Everybody on the team put in a lot of hard work," he said. "And if you look at the results you can see the effort was worth it."

Cogswell finished the race in 74 minutes.

During their presentation the 1st AD Sol-

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Commentary

Stay safe

Commentary by Gen. B.B. Bell
U.S. Army Europe commander

We will celebrate two special holidays in November. Veterans Day is observed to honor those who have served with the U.S. armed forces. Thanksgiving provides an opportunity for us to give thanks for our bounty and our freedom.



November is also the traditional beginning of the winter holiday season in our colder climates. Many of us who are not deployed will be taking advantage of the long weekends this month to travel or participate in winter sports.

As always leaders must conduct "under the oak tree" meetings with Soldiers before allowing them to go on pass or leave. Soldiers must openly discuss their plans with their leaders, and leaders must approve their travel plans before granting the time off. We must all take responsibility for our actions and make good risk-management decisions, on and off duty.

We face a tough challenge this holiday season. The secretary has directed the Department of Defense to reduce accidents by 50 percent by the end of fiscal year 2005. U.S. Army Europe is closing in on that goal, and I am sure we can achieve it; but we have already had one fatality this fiscal year and the long winter in USAREUR is just beginning.

Over the next several months the safety of our redeploying Soldiers will be our primary concern. Past redeployments have shown that when units first return to garrison, Soldiers concentrate on reintegration and reconstitution tasks; however, 90-120 days after redeploying they begin to lose their focus.

Many start taking shortcuts, and the number of discipline indicators, such as drunk-driving incidents, starts to climb. Accidents begin to happen.

Leaders at all levels must recognize the dangers and take steps to mitigate risks. We must not let down our guard.

For Soldiers in garrison, enjoy the holidays and take time for yourselves and your families. Take care of each other and, above all, remain vigilant. To the families of deployed troops, I say thank you for your continued support of your Soldiers.

You are all great patriots. No loss of life is our goal this holiday season. Do not let anyone die on your watch as we continue to execute with excellence — Any Mission, Anywhere.

Celebrating American education

Commentary by Dr. Elizabeth Walker
Heidelberg District Superintendent's Office

American Education Week, Nov. 14-20, is a time for the Army community to celebrate our success and get involved in local schools.

Our public schools are one of the strengths of our country. We in the Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe are very proud of that and want to show you what we do everyday. I invite everyone



to visit his or her local school this week.

It is our opportunity to show you the quality education offered to DoDDS students. Our outstanding programs have been recognized by our students' high scores on the Terra Nova, Scholastic Aptitude Test and National Association of Educational Progress test, America's standard tests.

All the components of the European Command strongly support the DoDDS system and encourage service members and civilians to become involved in their local schools. Direct adult involvement in the educational process has had a greatly positive effect on the quality of education offered in our schools.

We know that parental participation is an essential factor in a child's success in school. When students know parents care, they care.

Just as the military is different from what it was even a few years ago, schools are no longer what most of us remember from our own school days. Just as the military prepares warriors for unforeseen challenges, we prepare our students for challenges we haven't even thought of yet. Just as you are here defending freedom, we are teaching students the meaning and value of freedom.

Join us in celebrating American Education Week. Visit your local school. You'll be impressed by what you see.



Letters to the editor



Thankful everyday for America

To the editor:

While looking through my son's old photo album, I was delighted to come across a thankful card he made when he was 5 years old; he is now 30. In it is the list of what he was thankful for: Jesus, God, the policeman, the mailman, his babysitter Nita, his teacher, the sun, the moon, our house and his mom and dad.

After reading it, I asked myself what I am thankful for. As a mother in a military family, there were times we faced very painful separations when duty called. I wasn't always a model Korean wife, grateful for my husband's sacrifices, especially when sending off both my son and my husband to faraway countries across the water.

We all have stories to tell about buckets of tears, saying goodbye to friends and family, and giving up jobs we loved to follow husbands in the military. I know there are thousands of family members who have experienced the same and continue to face similar challenges.

I also know they ultimately will become change masters.

Today I am thankful for our American forefathers' foundation that gives the opportunity for people like me to become citizens of the free world. I am also thankful for our fearless men and women in uniform, their gallantry, selfless giving, abilities and skills. And most of all I am thankful for America's resourcefulness to give and defend what we believe is the right thing to do. Thank you, America, for embracing

seekers of freedom and opportunity such as me, and enabling me to be called an American. Yes, proudly.

K.C. Bertling
Wiesbaden family member

Helping wounded at Landstuhl

Dear Soldiers,

You are our heroes. We are very proud of you and glad that you are home safe now. Thank you that you have fought the war against every form of terrorism. Thank you that you have brought more freedom to the Iraqi people, that you keep our world a little safer.

Terrible to say, not all your comrades had as much luck as you to come safely home. Many Soldiers are grievously wounded and will require long hospitalization and rehabilitation. I was again in the hospital in Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and visited Soldiers at the Fisher House. They have nothing as they arrive in Germany from the war. We brought them backpacks filled with things they can use.

I support the group Soldiers Angels Foundation. You can read about about us at www.armyfisherhouses.org/testsite/landstuhl3.html. Anyone interested in donating items for the wounded heroes at Landstuhl can let me know per email at JosephineFS@aol.com.

Wilhelmine Aufmkolk, Wiesbaden Kontakt Club

Second thoughts: Never forget veterans

By David Ruderman
104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

A recent report in "Stars and Stripes" recounted the story of a badly wounded Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran who, through bureaucratic mismanagement and no fault of his own, found himself destitute and living on the street.

According to the report, the Soldier's last re-enlistment bonus had been retracted when he was discharged. His bank account folded, he couldn't pay his rent and found himself living out of his car. It's the kind of situation that America cannot tolerate.

For one Soldier whose plight makes the press, you can bet there are hundreds expe-

riencing similar abuse. Lip service with no tangible support is an insult to those who have risked the most, and often paid the price, for the welfare of us all.

We now have hundreds of young and not so young Americans, veterans of the Iraq War, recuperating in hospitals from physical impairments that will affect the rest of their lives. Thousands more have moved on from Walter Reed and Brooke to continue life paths they could never have imagined when they enlisted.

They need our help. Unfortunately, the majority of our countrymen don't get it. It is critical that we who know the Army, who make the government function, stay alert to the needs of veterans and react swiftly and

effectively when they need our help. We must ensure veterans the ongoing support they need to put their lives together and sustain them when they cannot yet do it themselves.

No vet should ever fall through the cracks.

Fortunately for this one Soldier, news reports reached the corridors of power. A one-star general in the Pentagon reacted swiftly, took on his case and straightened out the snafu.

With Veterans Day upon us once again we must rededicate ourselves to remembering the sacrifices of our Soldiers both past and present, and to honoring them with deeds as well as words.

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News and features

Newsflash

CID increases reward in murder case

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$75,000 reward to anyone with information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the murder of Pfc. Amanda Gonzales in Hanau. The body of Gonzales, age 19, was found Nov. 5, 2001, on the floor of her Fliegerhorst barracks room after she did not report for work. The death was ruled a homicide by asphyxiation. Gonzales was a cook assigned to Headquarters Supply Company, 127th Aviation Support Battalion, at the time of her death. Anyone with information regarding the case should contact the Wiesbaden CID Office at mil 336-2481/2487 or civ (0611) 816-2481. Information will be held in the strictest confidence allowable under the law, officials said. Information can also be emailed to crime.tips@belvoir.army.mil. (Army News Service)

USAREUR Sexual Assault Hotline

U.S. Army Europe's Sexual Assault Hotline provides victims of sexual assault immediate, 24-hour assistance, seven days a week. To receive immediate assistance call mil 371-3550/3551 or civ (06221) 17-3550/3551. Outside Germany call civ (0049) 6221-17-3550/3551. A toll-free number is also available within Germany — civ (00800) 027-72858. The hotline is not a counseling service. USAREUR callers are connected to their local law enforcement agency where they are assisted by local Military Police who will help attain emergency medical services if needed. Callers will be asked to provide their name and location so that appropriate law enforcement and medical personnel can be contacted. Callers are not required to provide their name to the hotline responder. (Europe Regional Medical Command Public Affairs)

German-American ties

Brig. Gen. Oscar R. Anderson, 1st Armored Division assistant division commander for support; Col. Dyfied A. Harris, 4th Brigade commander; and Col. Herman "Tracy" Williams III, 104th Area Support Group commander, discussed the importance of maintaining close German-American relations during a visit with Mayor Stefan Erb of Erlensee Nov. 1. The U.S. military and German officials discussed community matters and stressed that efforts would continue to ensure close ties.



Photo by Peter Cord

Brig. Gen. Oscar R. Anderson (from left), Mayor Stefan Erb, Col. Herman "Tracy" Williams III and Col. Dyfied A. Harris pose for a photo during the German-American get-together.

Memorial quilt supports families

It's not everyday a person can put his or her hobby skills to good use to help others in a worthy cause, but one V Corps Soldier has found a way.

Sgt. Nicole S. Smith, assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 121st Signal Battalion, is using her sewing skills to make a quilt that will be auctioned to raise money for the 1st Infantry Division Foundation. The proceeds will be used to fund scholarships for children of Soldiers killed in the line of duty. Currently there are 48 children who qualify for the financial assistance.

The foundation is a charitable organization established by the Society of the 1st Infantry Division in 1966 during the Vietnam War. The foundation allowed for funds to be collected by Soldiers of the "Big Red One" division in Vietnam and its veterans at home, to establish scholarships for children of division Soldiers killed during that war.

"I had planned on making a quilt since before I came to Iraq," Smith said. "I wanted this to be a piece of history and something different; something a Soldier made."

The quilt is made up of more than 100 squares embroidered with the units who have served with the division in the second iteration of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Smith said, adding that many of its blocks are signed by division general officers and other senior leaders. The back side is a sheet that has been signed by a number of deployed Soldiers. The work is 100 percent cotton and queen-sized, measuring seven-by-seven feet.

The process of making the quilt started in April and took about three months, Smith said. While she did almost every part of the quilt herself, such as the cutting, sizing, ironing



Sgt. Nicole S. Smith (left) and Spc. Andrew W. Meyer display the quilt Smith made while in Iraq. It is currently being auctioned to raise scholarship money for the children of Soldiers killed in Iraq.

and piecing together, Smith did receive a helping hand when she needed it. Her mother mailed her the fabric, Soldiers donated patches to be added and several Iraqis embroidered the names of units on the quilt.

"I didn't expect to get so much support from other Soldiers," Smith said. "They really helped out a lot."

Smith said she was happy to devote her free time to a worthy cause. "I hope it brings enough money to make a sizeable donation," she said.

The 1st Infantry Division Memorial Quilt is now being offered for auction on Ebay. The auction continues through Nov. 11. More information is available by visiting the Ebay website and typing the number 2278625815 in the search block. (Courtesy of 1st Infantry Division Public Affairs)

Iron Soldiers

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diers used a variety of graphics, texts, sights and sounds to tackle the task of translating their experiences during Operation Iraqi Freedom to the public.

This process started with their display booth, its printed materials and continuously running visual presentations. In addition to the display, live multimedia presentations brought the experience of specific incidents to the eyes and ears of the audience.

During the three presentations, the Iron Soldiers told their stories to members of the U.S. and allied nations' armed forces, Department of Defense contractors and other convention attendees.

All three presentations were based on the division's actions during Operation Iron Saber. The operation took place April 18 through July 3, 2004, in several cities located south of Baghdad. During Iron Saber, Soldiers quelled a militant uprising of anti-Iraqi forces operating in the Multi-National Division-Central South sector.

One presentation dissected the battle to wrestle Karbala from Muqtada al Sadr's militia.

Lt. Col. Garry Bishop, 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment commander, explained the complexities of the conflict in Karbala during May and June of 2004.

Maj. Martha Granger and Sgt. Maj. Edward Massey, Division Support Command, discussed the complexities of the logistics battle during Operation Iron Saber during their presentation, "Turning Around America's Tank Division."

The third speaker, Col. Ralph Baker, commander of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, gave a presentation about the battle for Al Kut. Baker's presentation was repeated later in the week at AUSA's "Warriors Corner."

Following Baker's presentation, Maj. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, 1st AD commander, followed up with his observations.



Photo by Sgt. Andrew Meissner

Col. Ralph Baker, 2nd Brigade commander, discusses his unit's role in Iraq during the battle for Al Kut.

All the presentations were warmly received, and during question and answer sessions following the briefings audience member stood up and voiced their appreciation for what the men and women of America's Tank Division did for their country under such adverse conditions.

Maj. Scott Caldwell, division civil affairs and AUSA presentation officer, said attending the AUSA convention was a worthwhile cause for the division and its participating Soldiers.

"Now people have a better understanding of what the division did," he said. "They got a good picture of what we did from the Soldier level all the way up to division (headquarters). We were able to showcase what the Soldiers did during Operation Iraqi Freedom."

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Re-ups

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double that of 2004.”

Despite deployments to Iraq and the likelihood of future deployments, speculation that Soldiers would opt out in droves has not materialized.

“We have seen a surge in the increase in what the Army would like us to retain,” said Master Sgt. Gary Schoolfield, senior career counselor for the 3rd Corps Support Command, who leads a team of eight counselors.

“With our ongoing operations in the Global War on Terrorism, we want to ensure that we are keeping the quality Soldiers the Army needs to provide commanders and leaders with a trained and ready force. When we don’t bring in enough, we must retain more. These are demanding times for both career counselors and recruiters,” he said.

“We’re going to have to bring in more and retain even more,” said Jaranowski, pointing to coming increases in the Army’s total force level.

While the prospect of future deployments has apparently not had a detrimental effect on re-enlistment, it has weighed on Army families and colored the process to some degree, said counselors.

“When I came in you were re-enlisting individual Soldiers. Now you’re re-enlisting families,” said Jaranowski.

“It definitely has its ups and downs for the families,” said Schoolfield. “It’s partly a question of them understanding the big picture. When a Soldier re-enlists in the Army, we’re re-enlisting their family too. As long as the family or the spouse is included in the decision, they’ll usually support them.”

Fundamental issues affecting individual Soldiers’ decisions remain constant, said counselors, and it is still difficult to find specific training and assignments locations.

“Our hurdles are the availabilities of the locations Soldiers would like to go to,” said Schoolfield. “We know for a fact that most installations are manned at 100 percent or

better. For example, we can’t get Fort Monroe for a Soldier if they’re sitting at 120 percent.”

“One disadvantage of being in Europe is that Soldiers will say, ‘I’ll go where the Army sends me, but I’d like to go back to the States — that’s where my friends and my family are’ — or, ‘Germany is OK, but I’ve always wanted to go to Fort Somewhere in the States,’” said Jaranowski.

“There’s really no great hurdle,” said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Lopez, retention operations NCO with 3rd COSCOM. “Most objections are minor. Soldiers just have to get in the right mindset and know what they want. Once they make up their minds and understand where the Army’s at right now, they know what they have to do.”

Inducements, bonuses

Today’s counselors can call on an enhanced range of inducements and bonuses to offer.

“The Army recently released several bonus messages,” said Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Nagle, a 1st AD career counselor. “They’re offering a lot of MOSs [Military Occupational Specialty] bonuses that they weren’t offering before. It gives me a wider range of options to offer Soldiers.”

Soldiers whose skills are in demand or who are ready to join specific units can expect substantial bonuses when they re-enlist. For Alpha Zone Soldiers, those who’ve been in for up to six years, Lump Sum Re-enlistment Bonuses can amount to \$10,000. For Soldiers in the Bravo Zone, who’ve served from six to 10 years, the bonus can amount to \$15,000.

“The MPs and Military Intelligence Soldiers are really benefiting from this,” said Nagle. “It’s a little harder to keep those guys in.”

Soldiers whose re-enlistment window is coming up should check with their retention officers for the latest information.

“A Soldier’s needs, wants and desires have always been the same,” said Lopez. “When you show them

what a \$10 an hour job gets them on the outside, they really start to understand what it really means.”

“Right now if you take the average E-4, married, and you take their pay, housing, medical benefits, everything that the Army offers them, that Soldier would probably have to start right off the bat with a job that pays \$20 an hour just to maintain their current lifestyle,” said Schoolfield. “And the Army is still offering the best job security in the world. ... Any Soldier that puts their best foot forward, that tries their best, is going to succeed.”

Leaders at all levels are key to helping Soldiers “stay Army,” said counselors.

“Unit commanders are the unit re-enlistment officers. From the day a Soldier comes in, the retention process begins. We are the maintainers. We are sustaining the line as far as keeping the foxholes filled,” said Schoolfield.

“Retention is a leader’s responsibility. I’ve been a counselor for over 15 years and I’ve never been with a unit that looks out for its Soldiers the way 1st AD does,” said Jaranowski, praising the concern for Soldiers at all levels of leadership from the division commander on down.

Soldiers continue to re-enlist, signing on the dotted line, yet as hard as they work, counselors recognize that not every Soldier re-ups. “It’s going to be like that,” said Nagle. “If a Soldier decides not to re-enlist, there’s nothing dishonorable in that. You served your country, and we thank you and respect you for that.”

“Our numbers speak for themselves,” said Jaranowski. “Most Soldiers join the Army to do something real-world and make a difference, and that is what they are doing.”

“Right now we’re on the glide path. We’re right there where we should be,” said Nagle.

“We’re going to be successful because wherever there is a need to serve, Soldiers will be there,” said Schoolfield.

News flash

Leadership award nominations

Company grade officers and junior warrant officers with the ability to understand and influence others, provide purpose, direction and motivation to accomplish the mission are being sought for Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award nominations. Nominees must be U.S. army company grade officers (lieutenant or captain) or junior warrant officers (warrant officer or chief warrant officer 2), not on a promotion list to major or chief warrant officer 3, have passed the Army Physical Fitness Test at most six months before Dec. 31, 2004, and meet height and weight standards listed in AR 600-9. Deadline to enter is Dec. 1. Call Capt. Jason Vranes or Capt. Jennifer Charron at mil 379-7629/6440 for more information. **(USAREUR Public Affairs)**

Phone cards disco

The Pirates Cove, located across the street from the back gate of the former Drake Kaserne on August-Schanz Str. 33 in Frankfurt, features a “phone cards for troops” fund-raising R&B disco every Friday from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. On Nov. 26 a live country band, Neon Moon, will be featured starting at 7:30 p.m. Call civ (069) 541 177 for more information.

New SOFA certificates

U.S. forces family members and civilian employees are reminded that they must obtain a new Status of Forces Agreement certificate from their local passport office by Jan. 15, 2005, if they will remain in Germany after that date. As of that date German officials will no longer recognize the rubber stamp entries or paper certificates issued in the past. Uniformed members of the U.S. forces in Germany do not need the SOFA

certificates, nor do family members or civilian employees who possess an official passport with a SOFA stamp inside issued by the State Department. The official passport, also known as a “no-fee” passport because it was issued by the State Department at no cost to the individual, may be red or blue, but is marked “official.” **(IMA-E Public Affairs)**

More high school graduates



Last year 85 percent of adults age 25 and over had completed at least high school, an all-time high, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Also in 2003, 27 percent of adults age 25 and over had a college degree, another record. Over the past decade women with a bachelor’s degree or higher jumped nearly 7 percentage points, from 19 percent to 26 percent. For the second year in a row women had a slightly higher proportion of high school graduates (85 percent) than men (84 percent). The states with the highest high school graduation rates were New Hampshire, Minnesota and Wyoming, all around 92 percent. Among ethnic groups, Asians had the highest proportion of college graduates at 50 percent. **(Courtesy of the U.S. Census Bureau)**

Holiday mail

Military postal officials report that its not too early to start mailing packages to reach stateside destinations in time for the holidays. The following are recommended mail-by deadlines for holiday mail to reach the United States from Army Post Offices overseas: Space Available Nov. 20, Parcel Airlift Dec. 4, Priority mail and first-class cards/letters Dec. 11, Express mail Dec. 18.

Education

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and technology support.

For the purposes of eArmyU, the following assignments are now considered combat forces/operational units:

Divisions: 1st Armored Division, 1st Infantry Division, 1st Cavalry Division, 2nd Infantry Division, 3rd Infantry Division, 4th Infantry Division, 10th Mountain Division, 25th Infantry Division, 82nd Airborne Division, 101st Air Assault Division.

Army Cavalry Regiments: 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment which will become Stryker Brigade Combat Team 4 in April 2005, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Stryker Brigade Combat Teams: SBCT 1 (3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division), SBCT 2 (1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division), SBCT 3 (172nd Infantry Brigade), SBCT 5 (2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division).

Separate Brigades: 173rd Airborne Infantry Brigade, 1st Brigade,

1st Infantry Division and Army Special Operations Command.

All eligible Soldiers receive \$250 per semester hour or up to 100-percent tuition, whichever is less, up to an annual ceiling of \$4,500. Tuition Assistance covers tuition, fees, books, academic advisement, library resources and administrative and technical support, officials said. For more information visit your Education Center. **(ARNEWS)**

221st BSB – Wiesbaden, Wackernheim, Dexheim

Teamwork cleans up street

Story and photos by
Cassandra Kardeke
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Public Affairs Office

Residents of Mississippistrasse in Hainerberg Housing gathered for a few hours the morning of Oct. 23 to make a difference on their street.

"The appearance of the area had really dropped during the re-deployment. It was time to take pride where we live," said area coordinator, Capt. Kevin Rants.

"I've been here three years and this is the first time I've seen everyone come together like this. It's really great," said Rhony Boggess who, despite being sick with a cold, was out with daughter Sierra, participating in the cleanup.

Leanne Hoskins digs up weeds outside her building.



Rhony Boggess and daughter, Sierra, bag leaves during a street-wide cleanup in Hainerberg Housing.